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A computer-implemented method is disclosed. The method is for enabling a user to efficiently navigate to a portion of a user interface configured to support performance of a particular task. The method includes receiving from the user an input that includes a description of the particular task. A result set is returned to the user and includes a plurality of candidate tasks that correspond to the description. The candidate tasks are displayed relative to an indication of at least one corresponding applet.

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WINDOWS CONTROL PANEL TASK EDITOR

PREVIEW:

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MY COOL APPLET

- PLAY SOLITAIRE
- VISIT BRETT'S WEB SITE
- THIRD TASK
- TAS 604

APPLET: 601 MY COOL APPLET

CATEGORY: 610 APPEARANCE AND THEMES

TEXT: 603 TAS

DESCRIPTION: 606 THIS IS A DESCRIPTION OF TASK 4

COMMAND: 608 %PROGRAMS%\MYAPP\MYCOOLAPPLET.CPL-TASK4

SEARCH KEYWORDS: 612 SCREENSAVER; FOO; BRETT; COOL; TASK4; VIRUS SCAN: WINDOWS

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